

Appendix A. Conditions of Approval for the CBNG Application for Permit to Drill

Supported by Environmental Assessment, **WY-070-EA13-17**

POD Name: Cabin Creek VIII

Operator: Summit Gas Resources, Inc.

Field Office: Buffalo Field Office
Address: 1425 Fort Street
Buffalo, Wyoming 82834

Office Telephone Number: 307-684-1100

The spud date will be reported electronically, (see website location below) to the Authorized Officer
24 HOURS BEFORE SPUDDING, unless otherwise required in site specific conditions of approval.

Spud Notice Site: http://www.wy.blm.gov/minerals/og/og_notices/spud_notice.php

Well List:

#	Well Name & #	Twp	Rng	Sec	Qtr	Lease #
1	CB FED 07-07-57-77	57N	77W	7	SWNE	WYW144218
2	CB FED 03-08-57-77	57N	77W	8	NENW	WYW149973
3	CB FED 11-08-57-77	57N	77W	8	NESW	WYW149973
4	CB FED 13-08-57-77	57N	77W	8	SWSW	WYW144218
5	CB FED 01-15-57-77	57N	77W	15	NENE	WYW149974
6	CB FED 07-15-57-77	57N	77W	15	SWNE	WYW149974
7	CB FED 11-15-57-77	57N	77W	15	NESW	WYW149974
9	CB FED 01-18-57-77	57N	77W	18	NENE	WYW149973
10	CB FED 03-18-57-77	57N	77W	18	NENW	WYW149973
11	CB FED 07-18-57-77	57N	77W	18	SWNE	WYW149973
13	CB FED 11-19-57-77	57N	77W	19	NESW	WYW144220
14	CB FED 03-20-57-77	57N	77W	20	NENW	WYW144220
15	CB FED 05-20-57-77	57N	77W	20	SWNW	WYW144220
16	CB FED 05-18-57-77	57N	77W	18	SWNW	WYW144226
17	CB FED 11-20-57-77	57N	77W	20	NESW	WYW144220
18	CB FED 13-20-57-77	57N	77W	20	SWSW	WYW144220
19	CB FED 15-20-57-77	57N	77W	20	SWSE	WYW144220
20	CB FED 10-21-57-77	57N	77W	21	NWSE	WYW144220
21	CB FED 05-19-57-77	57N	77W	19	SWNW	WYW147369
22	CB FED 01-22-57-77	57N	77W	22	NENE	WYW149974
23	CB FED 09-22-57-77	57N	77W	22	NESE	WYW149974
24	CB FED 05-27-57-77	57N	77W	27	SWNW	WYW147369
25	CB FED 10-27-57-77	57N	77W	27	NWSE	WYW147370
26	CB FED 05-35-57-77	57N	77W	35	SWNW	WYW147370
27	CB FED 11-35-57-77	57N	77W	35	NESW	WYW147370

Left column administrative numbering is consistent in the EA, COAs, and DR.

SITE SPECIFIC

1. All overhead powerlines associated with Cabin Creek V POD are **NOT** approved. Summit will be required to submit a sundry notice (Form 3160-5) to the BLM for approval.
2. Please contact Andy Perez, Natural Resource Specialist, at (307) 684-1166, Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo, if there are any questions concerning these COAs.

Surface Use

1. The operator is responsible for having a licensed professional engineer certify that the actual construction of the roads in and accessing Cabin Creek Phase V meets the design criteria and is constructed to Bureau standards.
2. All roads used in conjunction with accessing federal wells must be fully built (including all water control structures such as wingditches, culverts, relief ditches etc.) and functional to BLM standards prior to drilling of the well.
3. All roads, well pads, rig slots, culverts, spot upgrades and locations where engineered construction will occur will be completely slope staked for review prior to construction.
4. Adequate drainage control must be in place at all stages of construction and culverts installed as soon as feasible.
5. Final grading and surfacing shall occur immediately after utility installation is complete. All rills, gullies, and other surface defects shall be ripped to the full depth of erosion across the entire width of the roadway prior to final grading and surfacing.
6. The following wells will have their reserve pits lined, CB FED #s:

1-15-57-77	13-8-57-77	7-18-57-77
15-8-57-77	7-7-57-77	
15-4-57-77	13-15-57-77	
7. Operator must engineer design, slope stake, and field review with BLM prior to approval for the following well location access roads and road sections:

15-4-57-77	3-18-57-77	5-21-57-77
3-9-57-77	15-18-57-77	10-21-57-77
13-10-57-77	7-20-57-77	7-22-57-77
1-15-57-77	13-20-57-77	9-22-57-77
11-15-57-77	15-20-57-77	11-27-57-77

Road segment for Section 8 & 9
8. All salvaged trees will either be chipped and used in reclamation of the well location/access road, hauled off, used for erosion control or per the surface owner's wishes.
9. The culvert locations will be staked prior to construction. The culvert invert grade and finished road grade will be clearly indicated on the stakes. Culverts will be installed on natural ground, or on a designed flow line of a ditch. The minimum cover over culverts will be 12" or one-half the diameter whichever is greater. Drainage laterals in the form of culverts or waterbars shall be placed according to the following spacing:

Grade Drainage Spacing

2-4% 310 ft

5-8% 260 ft

9-12% 200 ft

12-16% 150 ft

10. Topsoil will be segregated for all excavation including the entire disturbance area for constructed pads and excavated areas for rig leveling, reserve pits, constructed roads, spot upgrades, reservoir upgrades, outfalls and utility trenches. This requirement will not be applied for trenches installed with wheel trenchers.
11. If produced water is to be applied to road surfaces as dust abatement, the operator needs an approved Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Facility Information for Road Application of Waste and Waste Water (Form 20) along with the proposed action describing locations, application rates, etc. Form 20 is available at <http://wogcc.state.wy.us>. On BLM surface a sundry will be required.
12. All rig slots locations approved with the POD will be reclaimed back to approximate original contour following well completion. This includes the following locations: 7-7, 7-15, 11-15, 5-18, 7-18, 15-18, 1-20, 11-20, 7-22, 15-22, 5-35, and the 11-35,
13. All pipelines and/or utility corridor will be installed in the roadway or immediately adjacent to the access roads. If placed immediate adjacent to the access roads the disturbance will be contained within the disturbance allowed for road construction.
14. A minimum 20 foot undisturbed vegetative buffer will be maintained for erosion features along all access roads unless addressed with proper mitigation in the detailed road designs.
15. Mowing at the well site where a constructed pad is not approved as designed will be minimized to a radius of 75 feet or less from the well stake.
16. All stock water tanks installed on BLM surface will be installed with a rock apron of 4 inch aggregate surrounding the tank and extending a minimum of 8 feet out from the tank.
17. All permanent above-ground structures (e.g., production equipment, tanks, etc.) not subject to safety requirements will be painted to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used will be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors." The color selected for the Cabin Creek Phase V POD is Covert Green for locations located in sagebrush shrublands and Beetle for locations located in Ponderosa and Juniper Trees.
18. Provide 4" of aggregate where grades exceed 8%. Surface material must meet requirements set forth in Wyoming Supplement to BLM Road Manual 9113.
19. The following well locations and access road/corridor in the project area have been identified to have limited reclamation potential that will require disturbed areas to be stabilized (stabilization efforts may include mulching, matting, soil amendments, etc.) in a manner which eliminates accelerated erosion until a self-perpetuating native plant community has stabilized the site in accordance with the Wyoming Reclamation Policy. Stabilization efforts shall be finished within 30 days of the initiation of construction activities.

Lease	Well Name & #	Aliquot	Sec	T	R
WYW141874	CB FED15-4-57-77	SWSE	4	57N	77W
WYW144218	CB FED 7-7-57-77	SWNE	7	57N	77W
WYW144218	CB FED 13-8-57-77	SWSW	8	57N	77W
WYW149973	CB FED 3-9-57-77	NENW	9	57N	77W
WYW149974	CB FED 5-15-57-77	SWNW	15	57N	77W
WYW149974	CB FED 7-15-57-77	SWNE	15	57N	77W
WYW149973	CB FED 3-18-57-77	NENW	18	57N	77W
WYW149973	CB FED 7-18-57-77	SWNE	18	57N	77W
WYW144220	CB FED 15-18-57-77	SWSE	18	57N	77W
WYW144220	CB FED 1-20-57-77	NENE	20	57N	77W
WYW144220	CB FED 5-20-57-77	SWNW	20	57N	77W
WYW144220	CB FED 7-20-57-77	SWNE	20	57N	77W
WYW144220	CB FED 13-20-57-77	SWSW	20	57N	77W
WYW144220	CB FED 15-20-57-77	SWSE	20	57N	77W
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WYW141874	CB FED 3-22-57-77	NENW	22	57N	77W
WYW149974	CB FED 7-22-57-77	SWNE	22	57N	77W
WYW149974	CB FED 9-22-57-77	NESE	22	57N	77W
WYW149974	CB FED 1-27-57-77	NENE	27	57N	77W
WYW144221	CB FED 5-27-57-77	SWNW	27	57N	77W
WYW144221	CB FED 11-27-57-77	NESW	27	57N	77W
WYW144221	CB FED 5-35-57-77	SWNW	35	57N	77W

Lease	Well #	Aliquot	Sec	T	R
Fee	Compressor Fac.	SENW	6	57N	77W

20. The operator will follow the guidance provided in the Wyoming Policy on Reclamation (IM WY-90-231) specifically the following:

Reclamation Standards:

- a. The reclaimed area shall be stable and exhibit none of the following characteristics:
 - a. Large rills or gullies.
 - b. Perceptible soil movement or head cutting in drainages.
 - c. Slope instability on, or adjacent to, the reclaimed area in question.
- b. The soil surface must be stable and have adequate surface roughness to reduce runoff and capture rainfall and snow melt. Additional short-term measures, such as the application of mulch, shall be used to reduce surface soil movement.
- c. Vegetation canopy cover (on unforested sites), production and species diversity (including shrubs) shall approximate the surrounding undisturbed area. The vegetation shall stabilize the site and support the planned post disturbance land use, provide for natural plant community succession and development, and be capable of renewing itself. This shall be demonstrated by:
 - a. Successful onsite establishment of species included in the planting mixture or other desirable species.
 - b. Evidence of vegetation reproduction, either spreading by rhizomatous species or seed production.

- d. The reclaimed landscape shall have characteristics that approximate the visual quality of the adjacent area with regard to location, scale, shape, color and orientation of major landscape features and meet the needs of the planned post disturbance land use.
- e. The operator will drill seed on the contour to a depth of 0.5 inch, followed by cultipaction to compact the seedbed, preventing soil and seed losses. To maintain quality and purity, the current years tested, certified seed with a minimum germination rate of 80% and a minimum purity of 90% will be used. On BLM surface or in lieu of a different specific mix desired by the surface owner, use the following:

Species – Cultivar	Full Seeding (lbs/ac PLS)	% in Mix	Lbs PLS
Western Wheatgrass - <i>Rosana</i>	12	20	2.4
Bluebunch Wheatgrass – <i>Secar</i> or <i>P-7</i>	14	30	4.2
Idaho fescue - <i>Joseph</i>	8	30	2.4
American vetch OR Cicer Milkvetch - <i>Lutana</i>	14	10	1.4
White – <i>Antelope</i> or Purple Prairie Clover - <i>Bismarck</i>	6	5	.3
Lewis - <i>Appar</i> , Blue, or Scarlet flax	8	5	.4
Totals		100%	11.1 lbs/acre

This is a recommended seed mix based on the native plant species listed in the NRCS Ecological Site descriptions, U.W. College of Ag. and seed market availability.

Wildlife

Raptors

The following conditions will alleviate impacts to raptors:

1. No surface-disturbing activity shall occur within 0.5 mile of all identified raptor nests from February 1 through July 31, annually, prior to a raptor nest occupancy survey for the current breeding season. This timing limitation will affect all surface related activities within 0.5 miles of identified raptor nest depicted on Figure 1.(pp 15) of the Cabin Creek Phase V Plan of Development Wildlife Survey Report 2014 (see AR)
2. Surveys to document nest occupancy shall be conducted by a biologist following BLM protocol, between April 15 and June 30. All survey results shall be submitted in writing to a Buffalo BLM biologist and approved prior to surface-disturbing activities. Surveys outside this window may not depict nesting activity. If a survey identifies active raptor nests, a 0.5 mile timing buffer will be implemented. The timing buffer restricts surface-disturbing activities within 0.5 mile of occupied raptor nests from February 1 to July 31.
3. If an undocumented raptor nest is located during project construction or operation, the Buffalo Field Office (307-684-1100) shall be notified within 24 hours.

Migratory Birds

1. Migratory birds shall be effectively excluded from all facilities that pose a mortality risk, including, but not limited to, heater treaters, flare stacks, and secondary containment where escape may be difficult or wildlife toxicants are present.
2. Habitat removal is prohibited during the migratory bird nesting season (May 1 – Aug 1) unless a nesting survey performed by a biologist confirms an absence of nesting birds in the disturbance area.
 - a) Results of the nesting survey must be submitted in writing to a Buffalo BLM biologist prior to commencement of activities.

- b) If the survey shows an absence of nesting birds, then habitat can be removed within 10 days of the survey. After 10 days a new survey is required.
- c) If the survey shows nesting birds are present within the habitat that will be removed, then the activity will be delayed until nestlings have fledged.
- d) Exceptions for alternate timelines or specific activities will be evaluated by a BLM biologist on a case by case basis.

Water Management:

1. A sundry will be provided to BLM as the operator chooses to add secondary impoundments to its infrastructure. Proof of impoundment reclamation bonding will be provided with the sundry.
2. The operator will sample the springs identified below, semi-annually for the duration of production to determine any changes in water quality or quantity. Analysis will follow the WYPDES Permit initial quality criteria suite. Flow rate will also be determined. Copies of water quality and quantity data will be reported to the BLM BFO. If it is determined that either are changing as a result of CBNG production in the area, additional mitigation may be required.

Spring Name	Qtr	Sec	Twp	Rng
SP 01	NWNE	7	57N	77W
SP 02	NWNE	6	57N	77W
SP 03	SESE	4	57N	77W

Cultural:

1. All overhead power lines not previously culturally inventoried will not be authorized until the Bureau receives an acceptable Class III cultural inventory and completes the consultation process with the Wyoming SHPO.

STANDARD

General

1. If any cultural values [sites, artifacts, human remains (Appendix L FEIS and ROD)] are observed during operation of this lease/permit/right-of-way, they will be left intact and the Buffalo Field Manager notified. The authorized officer will conduct an evaluation of the cultural values to establish appropriate mitigation, salvage or treatment. The operator is responsible for informing all persons in the area who are associated with this project that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing historic or archaeological sites, or for collecting artifacts. If historic or archaeological materials are uncovered during construction, the operator is to immediately stop work that might further disturb such materials, and contact the authorized BLM officer (AO). Within five working days the AO will inform the operator as to:
 - whether the materials appear eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;
 - the mitigation measures the operator will likely have to undertake before the site can be used (assuming in situ preservation is not necessary); and,
 - a time-frame for the AO to complete an expedited review under 36 CFR 800.11 to confirm, through the State Historic Preservation Officer, that the findings of the AO are correct and that mitigation is appropriate. The AO will provide technical and procedural guidelines for the conduct of mitigation. Upon verification from the AO that the required mitigation has been completed, the operator will then be allowed to resume construction measures.
2. If paleontological resources, either large or conspicuous, and/or a significant scientific value are discovered during construction, the find will be reported to the Authorized Officer immediately. Construction will be suspended within 250 feet of said find. An evaluation of the paleontological

discovery will be made by a BLM approved professional paleontologist within five (5) working days, weather permitting, to determine the appropriate action(s) to prevent the potential loss of any significant paleontological values. Operations within 250 feet of such a discovery will not be resumed until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. The applicant will bear the cost of any required paleontological appraisals, surface collection of fossils, or salvage of any large conspicuous fossils of significant scientific interest discovered during the operation.

3. The first well drilled to each targeted coal zone will be designated as the POD reference well. Designated reference wells must have the ability to be sampled at the wellhead. Water quality samples will be collected by the operator and submitted for analysis using WDEQ NPDES criteria within 30-60 days of initial water production. Results of the analysis will be submitted to the BFO-BLM Authorized Officer as soon as they become available.

DRILLING AND PRODUCTION OPERATIONS

1. The operator shall complete wells (case, cement and under ream) as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after drilling operations, unless an extension is given by the BLM Authorized Officer.
2. If in the process of air drilling the wells there is a need to utilize mud, all circulating fluids will be contained either in an approved pit or in an aboveground containment tank. The pit or containment tank will be large enough to safely contain the capacity of all expected fluids without danger of overflow. Fluid and cuttings will not be squeezed out of the pit, and the pit will be reclaimed in an expedient manner.

Well Control Equipment

1. The flow line shall be a minimum of 30 feet from the well bore and securely anchored. The 30-foot length of line is a minimum and operators must make consideration for increasing this length for topography and/or wind direction.
2. The flow line shall be a straight run.
3. The flow line must be constructed from non-flammable material.
4. All cuttings and circulating medium shall be directed to and contained in a reserve pit.
5. The nearest edge of the pits shall be a minimum of 25' from the rig.
6. A minimum of 2' of freeboard shall be maintained in the pits at all times.
7. The authorized officer may modify these requirements at any time if it is determined that increased pressure control is deemed necessary.
8. Verbal notification shall be given to the Authorized Officer at least 24 hours before formation tests, BOP tests, running and cementing casing, and drilling over lease expiration dates.

Cement Program

1. If there are indications of inadequate primary cementing of the surface, intermediate, or production casing strings; such as but not limited to no returns to surface, cement channeling, fallback or mechanical failure of equipment, the operator will evaluate the adequacy of the cementing operations. This evaluation will consist of running a cement bond log (CBL) or an alternate method approved by

the Authorized Officer (AO) no sooner than 12 hours and no later than 24 hours from the time the cement was first pumped.

2. If the evaluation indicates inadequate cementing, the operator shall contact a BLM Buffalo Field Office Petroleum Engineer for approval of remedial cementing work.
3. The adequacy of the remedial cementing operations shall be verified by a cement bond log (CBL) or an alternate method approved by the Authorized Officer (AO). All remedial work shall be completed and verified prior to drilling out the casing shoe or perforating the casing for purposes other than remedial cementing.
4. The cement mix water used must be of adequate quality so as not to degrade the setting properties of the cement. Any water that does not meet municipal quality water standards shall be tested by mixing the water and cement in a lab and comparing the results to the municipal quality water mix results. If the results show that the cement qualities are not the same or greater, then the non-municipal water shall not be used for mixing cement in the well.

Production Equipment

1. Other actions such as off-lease measurement, commingling, allocation, etc. shall be approved via a Notice of Intent sundry (Form No. 3160-5). Submission of additional information in the POD shall not be construed as permission for these items. If the operator wishes to utilize off-lease gas measurement for wells approved in this POD, they are required to obtain approval via a Notice of Intent sundry (Form No. 3160-5) prior to any gas production.

Well and POD Building Identification

1. From the time a well pad is constructed or a well is spudded (if no well pad needed), until abandonment, all well locations must be properly identified with a legible sign. The sign will include the well name and number, operator name, lease number, and the surveyed location.
2. At each POD building site where federal wells are metered, the operator is required to maintain a legible sign displayed in a conspicuous place. This sign is required to be in place at the time metering goes online. The sign shall include: POD name, Operator, Federal well names and numbers, Federal lease numbers being metered at the POD building, and surveyed location of the building.

Protection of Fresh Water Resources

1. All oil and gas operations shall be conducted in a manner to prevent the pollution of all freshwater resources. All fresh waters and waters of present or probable future value for domestic, municipal, commercial, stock or agricultural purposes will be confined to their respective strata and shall be adequately protected. Special precautions will be taken to guard against any loss of artesian water from the strata in which it occurs and the contamination of fresh water by objectionable water, oil, condensate, gas or other deleterious substance to such fresh water.

Miscellaneous Conditions

1. Any changes to the approved drilling plan and/or these conditions of approval shall be approved by the BLM-Buffalo Field Office Petroleum Engineer prior to being implemented.
After hour's numbers:
Supervisory Petroleum Engineer: Matthew Warren, Cell Telephone: 307-620-0103 or William Robbie, Petroleum Engineer, Cell Telephone: 307-620-2395.
2. If any cores are collected, a copy of all analysis performed shall be submitted to the BLM-Buffalo Field Office Petroleum Engineer.

SURFACE USE STANDARD

Construction

1. Construction and drilling activity will not be conducted using frozen or saturated soil material during periods when watershed damage or excessive rutting is likely to occur.
2. Remove all available topsoil from constructed well locations including areas of cut and fill, and stockpile at the site. Topsoil will also be salvaged for use in reclamation on all other areas of surface disturbance (roads, pipelines, etc.). Clearly segregate topsoil from excess spoil material. Any topsoil stockpiled for one year or longer will be signed and stabilized with annual ryegrass or other suitable cover crop.
3. The operator will not push soil material and overburden over side slopes or into drainages. All soil material disturbed will be placed in an area where it can be retrieved without creating additional undue surface disturbance and where it does not impede watershed and drainage flows.
4. Construct the backslope no steeper than ½:1, and construct the foreslope no steeper than 2:1, unless otherwise directed by the BLM Authorized Officer.
5. Maintain a minimum 20-foot undisturbed vegetative border between toe-of-fill of pad and/or pit areas and the edge of adjacent drainages, unless otherwise directed by the BLM Authorized Officer.
6. To minimize electrocution potential to birds of prey, all overhead electrical power lines will be constructed to standards identified by the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (2006).
7. The reserve pit will be oriented to prevent collection of surface runoff. After the drilling rig is removed, the operator may need to construct a trench on the uphill side of the reserve pit to divert surface drainage around it. If constructed, the trench will be left intact until the pit is closed.
8. The reserve pit will be lined with an impermeable liner if permeable subsurface material is encountered. An impermeable liner is any liner having a permeability less than 10^{-7} cm/sec. The liner will be installed so that it will not leak and will be chemically compatible with all substances that may be put in the pit. Liners made of any man-made synthetic material will be of sufficient strength and thickness to withstand normal installation and pit use. In gravelly or rocky soils, a suitable bedding material such as sand will be used prior to installing the liner.
9. The reserve pit will be constructed so that at least half of its total volume is in solid cut material (below natural ground level).
10. Reserve pits will be adequately fenced during and after drilling operations until pit is reclaimed so as to effectively keep out wildlife and livestock. Adequate fencing, in lieu of more stringent requirements by the surface owner, is defined as follows:
 - Construction materials will consist of steel or wood posts. Three or four strand wire (smooth or barbed) fence or hog panel (16-foot length by 50-inch height) or plastic snow fence must be used with connectors such as fence staples, quick-connect clips, hog rings, hose clamps, twisted wire, etc. Electric fences will not be allowed.
 - Construction standards: Posts shall be firmly set in ground. If wire is used it must be taut and evenly spaced, from ground level to top wire, to effectively keep out animals. Hog panels must be tied securely into posts and one another using fence staples, clamps, etc. Plastic snow fencing must be taut and sturdy. Fence must be at least 2-feet from edge of pit. 3 sides fenced before beginning drilling, the fourth side fenced immediately upon completion of drilling and prior to rig release. Fence must be left up and maintained in adequate condition until pit is closed.

11. Reserve pits will be closed as soon as possible, but no later than 90 days from time of drilling/well completion, unless the BLM Authorized Officer gives an extension. Squeezing of pit fluids and cuttings is prohibited. Pits must be dry of fluids or they must be removed via vac truck or other environmentally acceptable method prior to backfilling, recontouring and replacement of topsoil. Mud and cuttings left in pit must be buried at least 3-feet below recontoured grade. The operator will be responsible for recontouring any subsidence areas that develop from closing a pit before it is sufficiently dry.
12. Culverts will be placed on channel bottoms on firm, uniform beds, which have been shaped to accept them, and aligned parallel to the channel to minimize erosion. Backfill will be thoroughly compacted.
13. The minimum diameter for culverts will be 18 inches. However, all culverts will be appropriately sized in accordance with standards in BLM Manual 9113.
14. Construction and other project-related traffic will be restricted to approved routes. Cross-country vehicle travel will not be allowed.
15. Maximum design speed on all operator constructed and maintained roads will not exceed 25 miles per hour.
16. Pipeline construction shall not block nor change the natural course of any drainage. Pipelines shall cross perpendicular to drainages. Pipelines shall not be run parallel in drainage bottoms. Suspended pipelines shall provide adequate clearance for maximum runoff.
17. Pipeline trenches shall be compacted during backfilling. Pipeline trenches shall be routinely inspected and maintained to ensure proper settling, stabilization and reclamation.
18. During construction, emissions of particulate matter from well pad and road construction would be minimized by application of water or other non-saline dust suppressants with at least 50 percent control efficiency. Dust inhibitors (surfacing materials, non-saline dust suppressants, and water) will be used as necessary on unpaved roads that present a fugitive dust problem. The use of chemical dust suppressants on public surface will require prior approval from the BLM Authorized Officer.
19. Operators are required to obtain a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Permit from the Wyoming DEQ for any projects that disturb five or more acres (changing to one acre in March 2005). This general construction storm water permit must be obtained from WDEQ prior to any surface disturbing activities and can be obtained by following directions on the WDEQ website at <http://deq.state.wy.us>. Further information can be obtained by contacting Barb Sahl at (307) 777-7570.
20. The operator shall submit a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) to BLM for approval prior to construction of any new surface disturbing activities that are not specifically addressed in the approved APD or POD Surface Use Plan.

Operations/Maintenance

1. Confine all equipment and vehicles to the access road(s), pad(s), and area(s) specified in the approved APD or POD.
2. All waste, other than human waste and drilling fluids, will be contained in a portable trash cage. This waste will be transported to a State approved waste disposal site immediately upon completion of drilling operations. No trash or empty barrels will be placed in the reserve pit or buried on location.

Operators and their contractors will comply with all state and local laws and regulations pertaining to disposal of human and solid waste will be complied with.

3. The operator will be responsible for prevention and control of noxious weeds and weeds of concern on all areas of surface disturbance associated with this project (well locations, roads, water management facilities, etc.) Use of pesticides shall comply with the applicable Federal and State laws. Pesticides shall be used only in accordance with their registered uses and within limitations imposed by the Secretary of Interior. Prior to the use of pesticides on public land, the holder shall obtain from the BLM authorized officer written approval of a plan showing the type and quantity of material to be used, pest(s) to be controlled, method of application, location of storage and disposal of containers, and any other information deemed necessary by the authorized officer to such use.
4. All permanent above-ground structures (e.g. , production equipment, tanks, etc.) not subject to safety requirements will be painted to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used will be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors." The color selected for this (site, project), is (name and Munsell Soil Color Number).
5. Sewage shall be placed in a self-contained, chemically treated porta-potty on location.
6. The operator and their contractors shall ensure that all use, production, storage, transport and disposal of hazardous and extremely hazardous materials associated with the drilling, completion and production of these wells will be in accordance with all applicable existing or hereafter promulgated federal, state and local government rules, regulations and guidelines. All project-related activities involving hazardous materials will be conducted in a manner to minimize potential environmental impacts. In accordance with OSHA requirements, a file will be maintained onsite containing current Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all chemicals, compounds and/or substances which are used in the course of construction, drilling, completion and production operations.
7. Produced fluids shall be put in test tanks on location during completion work. Produced water will be put in the reserve pit during completion work per Onshore Order #7.
8. The only fluids/waste materials which are authorized to go into the reserve pit are RCRA exempt exploration and production wastes. These include:
 - drilling muds & cuttings
 - rigwash
 - excess cement and certain completion & stimulation fluids defined by EPA as exemptIt does not include drilling rig waste, such as:
 - spent hydraulic fluids
 - used engine oil
 - used oil filter
 - empty cement, drilling mud, or other product sacks
 - empty paint, pipe dope, chemical or other product containers
 - excess chemicals or chemical rinsateAny evidence of non-exempt wastes being put into the reserve pit may result in the BLM Authorized Officer requiring specific testing and closure requirements.
9. The operator shall restrict travel on unimproved two-track roads during periods of inclement weather or spring thaw when the possibility exists for excessive surface resource damage (e.g., rutting in excess of 4-inches, travel outside two-track roadway, etc.).

Producing Well

1. Landscape those areas not required for production to the surrounding topography as soon as possible. The Fluids and mud must be dry in the reserve pit before re-contouring pit area. The operator will be responsible for re-contouring and reseeded of any subsidence areas that develop from closing a pit before it is completely dry.
2. Reduce the backslope to 2:1 and the foreslope to 3:1, unless otherwise directed by the BLM Authorized Officer. Reduce slopes by pulling fill material up from foreslope into the toe of cut slopes.
3. Any spilled or leaked oil, produced water or treatment chemicals must be reported in accordance with NTL-3A and immediately cleaned up in accordance with BLM requirements. This includes clean-up and proper disposition of soils contaminated as a result of such spills/leaks.
4. Distribute stockpiled topsoil evenly over those areas not required for production (ie., cut/fill slopes, road ditches, pipelines, etc.) and reseed with approved seed mix.
5. Upgrade and maintain access roads and drainage control (e.g., culverts, drainage dips, ditching, crowning, surfacing, etc.) as necessary and as directed by the BLM Authorized Officer to prevent soil erosion and accommodate safe, environmentally-sound access.
6. Prior to construction of production facilities not specifically addressed in the APD/POD, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notice to the BLM Authorized Officer for approval.
7. Waterbars shall be installed on all reclaimed pipeline corridors per the guidelines in A.4.2.4 #6.

Reclamation/Dry Hole

1. All disturbed lands associated with this project, including the pipelines, access roads, water management facilities, etc will be expediently reclaimed and reseeded in accordance with the surface use plan and any pertinent site-specific COAs.
2. Disturbed lands will be re-contoured back to conform with existing undisturbed topography. No depressions will be left that trap water or form ponds.
3. The fluids and mud must be dry in the reserve pit before re-contouring pit area. The operator will be responsible for re-contouring of any subsidence areas that develop from closing a pit before it is completely dry. The plastic pit liner (if any) will be cut off below grade and properly disposed of at a state authorized landfill before beginning to re-contour the site.
4. Before the location has been reshaped and prior to redistributing the topsoil, the operator will rip or scarify the drilling area and access road on the contour, to a depth of at least 12 inches. The rippers are to be no farther than 24 inches apart.
5. Distribute the topsoil evenly over the entire location and other disturbed areas. Prepare the seedbed by disking following the contour.
6. Waterbars are to be constructed at least one (1) foot deep, on the contour with approximately two (2) feet of drop per 100 feet of waterbar to ensure drainage, and extended into established vegetation. All waterbars are to be constructed with the berm on the downhill side to prevent the soft material from silting in the trench. The initial waterbar should be constructed at the top of the backslope. Subsequent waterbars should follow the following general spacing guidelines:

Slope (percent)	Spacing Interval (feet)
< 2	200
2 - 4	100
4 - 5	75
> 5	50

7. BLM will not release the performance bond until the area has been successfully revegetated (evaluation will be made after the second complete growing season) and has met all other reclamation goals of the surface owner and surface management agency. Further clarified in SDR Decision WY-2011-22.
8. A Notice of Intent to Abandon and a Subsequent Report of Abandonment must be submitted for abandonment approval.
9. For performance bond release approval, a Final Abandonment Notice (with a surface owner release letter on split-estate) must be submitted prior to a final abandonment evaluation by BLM.
10. Phased reclamation plans will be submitted to BLM for approval prior to individual POD facility abandonment via a Notice of Intent (NOI) Sundry Notice. Individual facilities, such as well locations, pipelines, discharge points, impoundments, etc. need to be addressed in these plans as they are no longer needed. Individual items that will need to be addressed in reclamation plans include:
 - Pit closure (Close ASAP after suitably dry, but no later than 90 days from time of drilling unless an extension is given by BLM Authorized Officer.) BLM may require closure prior to 90 days in some cases due to land use or environmental concerns.
 - Configuration of reshaped topography, drainage systems, and other surface manipulations
 - Waste disposal
 - Revegetation methods, including specific seed mix (pounds pure live seed/acre) and soil treatments (seedbed preparation, fertilization, mulching, etc.). On private surface, the landowner should be consulted for the specific seed mix.
 - Other practices that will be used to reclaim and stabilize all disturbed areas, such as water bars, erosion fabric, hydro-mulching, etc.
 - An estimate of the timetables for beginning and completing various reclamation operations relative to weather and local land uses.
 - Methods and measures that will be used to control noxious weeds, addressing both ingress and egress to the individual well or POD.
 - Decommissioning/removal of all surface facilities
 - Closure and reclamation of areas utilized or impacted by produced CBM water, including discharge points, reservoirs, off-channel pits, land application areas, livestock/wildlife watering facilities, surface discharge stream channels, etc.
11. Soil fertility testing and the addition of soil amendments may be required to stabilize some disturbed lands.
12. Any mulch utilized for reclamation needs to be certified weed free.